Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION OF ARBOR DAY



WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and,

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and,

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and,

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and,

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and,

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and,

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Berkey, Mayor of the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, do hereby proclaim <u>April</u> 28, 2023, to be <u>ARBOR DAY</u> in the City of Spring Hill, Kansas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Spring Hill, Kansas, to be affixed on this 13th day of April, 2023.

Joe Berkey, Mayor

ATTEST:

Glenda Gerrity, City Cleri